

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A communication apparatus comprising a first communication means for telephone communication via a public network, using a specified communication cable,
5 and a second communication means for telephone communication via an IP network, using the communication cable, the apparatus further comprising:

a selection means for selecting one of the
10 first and second communication means; and

a control means for, during communication using one communication means selected by the selection means, controlling communication using the other communication means based on a user instruction.

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2. The communication apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein the selection means selects one of the first and second communication means according to a
20 dial number.

3. The communication apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising:

a slave phone connected to the communication
25 apparatus in a communicable fashion,

wherein the first or second communication means is selected depending on whether the communication

apparatus or the slave phone is selected for communication.

4. The communication apparatus according to
5 claim 1 further comprising:

a specification means for specifying telephone communication and fax communication,

wherein the selection means selects the second communication means when the specification means
10 specifies telephone communication.

5. The communication apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising:

a notification means for notifying a user based
15 on a received partner's telephone number which of the first and second communication means is selected for line connection.

6. The communication apparatus according to
20 claim 1,

wherein the selection means selects the second communication means when a call is originated during speech connection by the first communication means.

25 7. The communication apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein the selection means includes:

a means for determining whether or not a specified number is entered as a dial number during speech connection by the first communication means; and

5 a means for, when the dial number is determined to be the specified number, notifying a user that the first communication means is busy.

8. The communication apparatus according to
10 claim 6,

wherein the selection means includes a means for determining whether or not a specified number is entered as a dial number during speech connection by the first communication means; and

15 wherein, when the dial number is determined to be the specified number,

the selection means does not select the second communication means.

20 9. The communication apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein the selection means selects the first communication means when a call is originated during speech connection by the second communication means.

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10. The communication apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein the selection means includes:

a means for determining whether or not a specified number is entered as a dial number during speech connection by the second communication means;

5 and

a means for, when the dial number is determined to be the specified number, notifying a user that the first communication means is busy.

10 11. The communication apparatus according to claim 9,

wherein the selection means includes a means for determining whether or not a specified number is entered as a dial number during speech connection by

15 the second communication means; and

wherein, when the dial number is determined to be the specified number, the selection means does not select the second communication means.

20 12. A method of controlling a communication apparatus comprising a first communication means for telephone communication via a public network, using a specified communication cable, and a second communication means for telephone communication via
25 an IP network, using the communication cable, the apparatus further comprising the steps of:

selecting one of the first and second

communication means; and

during communication using one communication means selected by the selection means, controlling communication using the other communication means, based on a user instruction.

13. A program for controlling a communication apparatus comprising a first communication means for telephone communication via a public network, using a specified communication cable, and a second communication means for telephone communication via an IP network, using the communication cable, the apparatus further comprising the steps of:

selecting one of the first and second communication means; and

during communication using one communication means selected by the selection means, controlling communication using the other communication means, based on a user instruction.

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